



MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 5:30 pm
SUNDAY 9 am & 11:30 am

Weekday Mass @ 8:00 am
Wednesday-Friday in the Rectory

FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH
UNITY MASS @ 10AM

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
Most Sacred Heart Devotion
@ 6:00pm

Christian Initiation:
Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation
and Holy Communion

Preparation of each Sacrament is required. Baptisms are celebrated quarterly usually at 11:30 am Mass.

Adults seeking to receive the sacraments for the first time should contact the Pastor for further information.

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday from 6-7 pm
Healing Mass every 3rd Wednesday

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 5:00 pm - 5:25 pm and by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Registration and participation prior to your wedding date is required. Arrangements should be made with the Priest before the wedding date is set; Instructions to begin at least four months before the wedding.



This training is required for Safe Environment Compliance for any adult who will come into contact with youth as part of their ministry and must be completed

before they begin ministry. Seating is limited, and you must pre-registration online to save your seat. To register, go to www.diosav.org, and find the training listed on the Upcoming Events Calendar."

WELCOME TO HISTORIC
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November 4, 2018

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education
Zachary Bailey, Parish Council Chairperson
Franklin Williams, Finance Chairperson
Shirley West, Administrative Secretary
Bea Betworth, Accounts Secretary
Jerome Grayson, Bldg/Maintenance

Office Hours:

Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00p.m



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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day



This week we celebrated the twin holy days of All Saints and All Souls, bringing those who have died to the front of our minds. Focusing on them, we reflect on what is truly important in this life. Perhaps the scribe who comes to Jesus to ask, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" is thinking this way. He certainly was after Jesus told him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." Let us contemplate this today as we celebrate the Eucharist.

Today's Readings are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 530.

From Fr. Romanus:
Key point of today's Reflection

Work for what matters:

The Pharisees prided themselves in the knowledge of the law and their ritual requirements. They made it a life-time practice to study the 613 precepts of the Old Testament along with the numerous rabbinic commentaries. They tested Jesus to see if he correctly understood the law as they did. Jesus startled them with his profound simplicity and mastery of the law of God and its purpose. God simply requires that we love as he loves! God is love and everything he does flows from his love for us. God loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding grace and kindness towards us. The love of God comes first, and the love of neighbor is firmly grounded in the love of God. The more we know of God's love and truth the more we love what he loves and reject what is hateful and contrary to his will. We cannot claim to love God and at the same time hate our fellow human being that God loves!

Your "Pineapple" for the week:

"Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen" - (1 John 4)

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

November Calendar

- 4 Sun. National Vocation Awareness Week (November 4-10)
6 Tue. Election Day
9 Fri. Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
10 Sat. Memorial of St. Leo the Great

TAKE TEN & CONNECT

With God & with others, your faith & daily life. Spend 10 minutes reflecting on God's Word.

Readings This Weekend:

Deuteronomy 6:2-6 Hear, O Israel! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart. Psalm 18 "I love you, Lord, my strength." Hebrews 7:23-28 Because he remains forever, he has a priesthood that does not pass away. Mark 12:28b-34 Love the Lord your God. Love your neighbor.



In Memory of the Deceased members, Ladies Auxiliary members, Spouses, and loved

ones of members of St. Benedict the Moor Knights of Council 10274:

- Ariel Campbell Lillie Mae Chisholm
Fred D. Foster Zeline Foster
Beautine M. Grayson Annette S. Hall
Lester B. Johnson, Jr. Ndu Kalu
Carolyn Russell Edith Walden
Felix Walden, Jr. Yvonne Walden
Christopher Williams, Jr.

In Memory of all the Deceased Members of the Legionnaires. * Legion of Mary.

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Mariah Bailey, Joe Battle, Georgetta Blair, M. Marie Blue, Ida Branch, Carmen Broussard, Josefa Citizen, Lillian Dilworth, Morris Elliott, Juanita Fields, Anthony Hall, Laura Harris, Jessica Jackson, Charlotte Jenkins, Clevon Johnson, Richard Mack, Margie McNeal, Suresh Persad, Evelyn Porter, Janice Quinn, Albertha Smith, Margaret Weston, Arlene Wiley, Ellen Williams, Tambra Williams. PRAYER REQUESTS: Michael Allen, McKenzie Jenkins, Willie Potter & Family, Esther Jackson & Family, Jessie Owens & Family, Mildred Dogan & Family, Julie Porter-Winfrey Mr. & Mrs. Willie Otis Smith. Kelly Berry, Dorothy Brown, Priscilla Brown, Narvia Williams.



This month's altar flowers have been donated by the Friends of St. Benedict in Memory of Dorothy B. Campbell, who was the Founder of this organization.



Appreciation:

I wish to thank all of you from the depth of my hearth for your prayers, words of encouragement, and gifts that I received on the Priestly Appreciation Sunday. May Christ, the Eternal High Priest, continue to bless you in all your endeavors. I am eternally grateful! - Fr. Romanus.



October 27/28, 2018

Offertory

\$ 4902.00

"Thank you for your generosity"

THE DEFINITION OF "ACTIVE CATHOLIC" for parish verification, required for Baptisms, Marriages, Catholic School attendance, etc., requires that a person must be registered, attend Mass regularly and involved in Time, Talent & Treasure (Stewardship.) Participation through parish offertory envelopes is one means of verification. To be considered an active, participating member of the parish, St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church takes into account a family's or individual's Mass attendance and ministry involvement. Since weekly offertory envelopes are the primary means of determining if parishioners are regularly attending Mass, we ask you to place your envelope in the collection basket each Sunday even if you cannot make a monetary contribution to show your attendance. Attendance at Mass is the most meaningful way we model and live our Catholic faith. We will then be aware of your continued participation and you will not be moved to inactive status.

PARISH SYMPATHY

Parish condolences to Mrs. Vivian Johnson and Mrs. Allie Bell Jones on the loss of their grandson, Mr. Shy'ree Smalls, who passed away Saturday, October 27, 2018. Funeral arrangements are incomplete. (Bynes-Royall Funeral Homes). Our thoughts and prayer are with the family.

OUR PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Exciting News! A New Approach to our Parish weekly Bible Study!



We are now using "Lectio Divina" method in our weekly bible study. Lectio Divina (Latin for "Divine Reading") is a practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's Word. It treats scripture as the Living Word. In order to prepare ourselves spiritually for the Sunday Liturgy, we are studying the readings for the coming Sundays - we read the Sunday scriptural passages, meditate, pray and share the Word. Please join us at Bible Study every Wednesday at 6pm in the Parish Hall! - Fr. Romanus.

TOWN HALL MEETING:



After due considerations, the Parish Pastoral Council has determined that our Parish Town Hall meeting will be held twice a year, in January and August respectively. The meetings will take place at 4:00pm on Saturday before the Unity Mass since we do not have Vigil Mass on that day. The upcoming Town Hall Meeting will be on Saturday, January 5, 2019, at 4:00pm.



A VOLUNTEER IS NEEDED TO JOIN OUR PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL (GOD'S

WORK, OUR WORK):

We are searching for a parishioner who has accounting background, and who will be generous with his/her time and talent to join the Parish Finance Council.

Please, any of these two categories may not be helpful:

- 1) Those who have accounting background, but do not have the time to attend Finance Council monthly meeting(s).
2) Those who have the spirit to serve, but do not have accounting background.

Please we need a dedicated Parishioner who has the spirit to serve as well as accounting background. If you can do this for us, please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Romanus.



Please come & join us in asking the Virgin Mary's help as we pray the Rosary before each Mass. Through the Rosary, the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer.

ST. BENEDICT SCHOOL ALUMNI



A meeting will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2018 at 1:00pm in the St. Benedict Parish Hall for all persons who attended St. Benedict the Moor School. If you know of anyone that



ST. PIUS X CLASS OF 1969

Attention: SPX class of 1969. Our Golden Reunion celebration will be held in Savannah, Georgia in August of 2019, at Savannah Classical Academy, during Pius Fest. Please respond by February 14,2019. Contact: Yahoo mail SPX_69@yahoo.com. & Password: Crusader 2, if you plan to attend.

UNITY BIRTHDAY RECEPTION:



It has been observed that our brothers and sisters hosting us during their own birthday month go through a lot of difficulties and stress to feed us.

Some birthday groups have few members, and some have many people on their list, but only very few of them get involved in the preparation or contributions. Consequently, very few parishioners bear the burden in such a group. We have also noticed that the number of Parishioners participating in the Unity Birthday celebration has decreased significantly. As a result, the Parish Pastoral Council has decided that beginning January 2019, we will be having the Unity Mass birthday reception four (4) times in a year:

January, February, March birthday groups will host us on the 1st Sunday of March.

April, May, June birthday groups will host us on the 1st Sunday of June.

July, August, September birthday groups will host us on the 1st Sunday of September.

October, November, December birthday groups will host us on the 1st Sunday of December.

Remember, the Unity Mass will continue as it is, but the Birthday reception will be held four (4) times in a year, beginning January 2019.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS!

Knights of Columbus Council 10274 will hold business meeting on November 19, 2018 at 7pm beginning with social at 6pm. Thanks!

Knights of Columbus Council 10274 will be having a Trustee Meeting on November 13, 2018 at 6pm. All committee directors are asked to attend for discussion on upcoming events. Thanks!



Sessions for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) candidates take place on Sundays following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All who are interested in receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation and/or are seeking full reception into the Catholic Church are invited to attend. Sessions will take place in the old school building located next to the rectory. We look forward to accompanying you on your journey of faith. *RCIA Team.

Lectors

November 4 th Unity Sunday Mass D. Perry & Joyce Jones	
Nov 10-11	
5:30pm	D. Jackson & Y. Williams
9:00am	J. Carter & A. Carter
11:30am	J. Brown & M. Jenkins
Nov 17-18	
5:30pm	A. Perry & Y. Williams
9:00am	T. Garvin & T. Udowana
11:30am	“Faith Formation”
November 22 nd THANKSGIVING MASS J. Jones & Y. Williams	
Nov 24-25	
5:30pm	E. Mason & S. Carson
9:00am	R. Marshall & B. McGhee
11:30am	D. Perry & J. Brown



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2018 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

The St. Benedict the Moor BAA Committee would like to remind everyone to please contribute towards our 2018 Campaign. Envelopes are available at the front of the Church. It is the request of Fr. Romanus that we use these envelopes to submit your donations here at the Church. This will ensure that St. Benedict the Moor of Savannah is properly credited for their donations. Let’s continue to strive toward success and thank you for your support.

“Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God’s gifts and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.”

CELEBRATE UNITY SUNDAY!

UNITY- A wise one said, *“Proverbs are the palm wine with which words are eaten.”* Proverbs, like poems, are concise, loaded with metaphors, wisdom, nuance, and the rhythms of life...

This message is significant and life-affirming: ***I am because we are; we are because I am.*** We exist in a community with a multiplicity of voices, and we will thrive if we share the responsibility for that community with others. Archbishop Desmond Tutu says, “My humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together.” The potential of human beings working collectively to achieve goals is infinitely greater than the potential of any individual.

Excerpts from: Joanne Veal Gabbin, Executive Director of the Prof. of English at James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia & Carly Robb – Ubuntu: I Am Because You Are.